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April 30, 2002

The Honorable Don Sundquist, Governor and
Members of the General Assembly
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
and
Board of Directors
Hamilton County Community Services Agency
1304 McCallie Avenue
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#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is the financial and compliance audit of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency for the year ended June 30, 2001. You will note from the independent auditor's report that an unqualified opinion was given on the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements.

Consideration of internal control over financial reporting and tests of compliance disclosed certain deficiencies, which are detailed in the Results of the Audit section of this report. The agency's management has responded to the audit findings; the responses are included following each finding. The Division of State Audit will follow up the audit to examine the application of the procedures instituted because of the audit findings.

Sincerely,

John G. Morgan

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## Audit Highlights

Comptroller of the Treasury

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## Financial and Compliance Audit Hamilton County Community Services Agency

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

#### **AUDIT OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the audit were to consider the agency's internal control over financial reporting; to determine compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts; to determine the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements; and to recommend appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies.

#### **COMPLIANCE FINDINGS**

#### Alleged Employee Fraud Was Not Reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury

The Executive Director did not notify the Comptroller of the Treasury, as required by Section 8-19-501, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, about the investigation of a case manager's travel claim. Mileage claimed was considered to be significantly exaggerated. Upon meeting with the case manager, the Executive Director gave this employee the opportunity to resign (page 6).

#### **The Agency Should Comply With Contract Terms**

Two contracts with Camelot Care Centers, Inc., to provide case management services to clients of the CSA exceeded the maximum liability stated in the contract. The maximum liability was exceeded by \$877.23 on one contract and \$14,491.33 on the other contract (page 7).

#### **OPINION ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The opinion on the financial statements is unqualified.

"Audit Highlights" is a summary of the audit report. To obtain the complete audit report, which contains all findings, recommendations, and management comments, please contact

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## Audit Report Hamilton County Community Services Agency For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

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### Hamilton County Community Services Agency For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **POST-AUDIT AUTHORITY**

This is a report on the financial and compliance audit of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency. The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 37-5-313, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, which authorizes the Comptroller of the Treasury to "make an annual audit of the program established by this part as part of the comptroller's annual audit pursuant to Section 9-3-211."

#### BACKGROUND

Tennessee's 12 community health agencies were created by Chapter 567 of the Public Acts of 1989, known as the Community Health Agency Act of 1989. This legislation established a defined system of health services to make health care available to the indigent citizens of Tennessee. The community health agencies determined areas of need in their geographic areas and ensured that services were available to meet those needs.

In May 1996, the Community Services Agency Act of 1996 replaced the community health agencies with the community services agencies. The purpose of these agencies is to coordinate funds and programs designated for care of children and other citizens in the state.

The Hamilton County Community Services Agency's administrative office is in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The governing body of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency is the board of directors. As of June 30, 2001, the board was composed of 11 members. (See Appendix.) An executive committee, consisting of five board members, has the authority to act on behalf of the board of directors in the management of the agency's property, affairs, and funds in extraordinary circumstances when the governing board cannot convene.

The agency's programs are carried out by staff under the supervision of the executive director, who is appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services, subject to the approval of the board.

#### **AUDIT SCOPE**

The audit was limited to the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, and was conducted in accordance with government auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Financial statements are presented for the year ended June 30, 2001, and for comparative purposes, the year ended June 30, 2000. The Hamilton County Community Services Agency has been included as a component unit in the *Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT**

The objectives of the audit were

- 1. to consider the agency's internal control over financial reporting to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements;
- 2. to determine compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts;
- 3. to determine the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements; and
- 4. to recommend appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies.

#### PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit report.

#### **RESULTS OF THE AUDIT**

#### **AUDIT CONCLUSIONS**

#### **Internal Control**

As part of the audit of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2001, we considered internal control over financial reporting to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, as required by government auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Consideration of internal control over financial reporting disclosed no material weaknesses.

#### Compliance

The results of our audit tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. Immaterial instances of noncompliance, along with recommendations and management's responses, are included in the findings and recommendations.

#### Fairness of Financial Statement Presentation

The Division of State Audit has rendered an unqualified opinion on the Hamilton County Community Services Agency's financial statements.



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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

January 11, 2002

The Honorable John G. Morgan Comptroller of the Treasury State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We have audited the financial statements of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency, a component unit of the State of Tennessee, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2002. As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements, the Hamilton County Community Services Agency changed its equipment capitalization policy. We conducted our audit in accordance with government auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hamilton County Community Services Agency's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the agency's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did, however, note immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have included in the Findings and Recommendations section of this report. The Honorable John G. Morgan January 11, 2002 Page Two

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Hamilton County Community Services Agency's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

However, we did note a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that we reported to the agency's management in a separate letter.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the board of directors, and management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record.

Sincerely,

Arthur A. Hayes, Jr., CPA, Director

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#### FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Alleged employee fraud was not reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury

#### **Finding**

The Executive Director of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency (CSA) did not notify the Comptroller of the Treasury about possible employee fraud and the ultimate resolution of management's investigation. Section 8-19-501, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, states,

It is the duty of any official of any agency of the state having knowledge of shortages of money of the state, or unauthorized removal of state property, occasioned either by malfeasance or misfeasance in office of any state employee, to report the same immediately to the comptroller of the treasury.

In a memorandum dated February 13, 2001, the Executive Director documented her February 9, 2001, meeting with a case manager and the case manager's supervisor. This meeting was "regarding severe and numerous discrepancies" on the case manager's January 2001 travel claim. The supervisor was concerned that this case manager's travel claims for the previous two months had been twice the amount of other case managers despite the fact that this case manager maintained the lowest caseload. Upon the supervisor's investigation of the miles shown on the January claim, the Executive Director's memorandum states that the case manager's "travel expenditures were again double that of anyone else on the team" and "mileage had been significantly exaggerated." In the meeting with the case manager on February 9, 2001, the case manager was unable to explain the discrepancies and was given the opportunity to resign from the CSA. The case manager resigned with two weeks' wages in lieu of working out the notice. The case manager's supervisor corrected the January 2001 travel claim submitted by the case manager to reflect what was believed to be the true miles driven. These corrections reduced the mileage shown on the case manager's travel claim from 794 to 573 miles and reduced the reimbursement by \$70.72. No corrections were made to the two previous months' travel claims.

The Comptroller's office was not notified of the initiation or ultimate resolution of this investigation. The purpose of the statutory requirement to notify the Comptroller is to ensure a thorough investigation and appropriate resolution in the best interest of the state.

#### Recommendation

The Executive Director should ensure that all instances or suspected instances of fraud are reported immediately to the Comptroller of the Treasury.

#### **Management's Comment**

We concur. We have instituted a new policy to correct the potential misuse of mileage. Team supervisors will closely review all monthly mileage to ensure that there are corresponding notes to verify the activity. A system has been put in to review suspected incidents of inappropriate reporting of any fiduciary matters. The Executive Director will ensure that these incidents are reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury.

#### 2. The agency should comply with contract terms

#### **Finding**

The Hamilton County Community Services Agency (CSA) did not comply with the terms of two contracts to provide case management services for clients of the CSA. Payments made under the two contracts exceeded the maximum liability stated in the contract.

The CSA had two contracts with Camelot Care Centers, Inc., to provide case management services. One contract served clients in the Flexible Funding for Families (FFF) program, and the other contract served clients in the Family Support Services (FSS) program. The CSA's maximum liability under the contract serving clients in the FFF program was not to exceed \$10,000, and the CSA's maximum liability under the contract serving clients in the FSS program was not to exceed \$20,000. Both contracts further stated, "The maximum liability of the agency under this contract is firm for the duration of the Contract and is not subject to escalation for any reason, unless amended." However, the contract for services under the FFF program was exceeded by \$877.23, and the contract for services under the FSS program was exceeded by \$14,491.33. Neither contract was amended to increase the maximum liability to the CSA.

Maximum liability limits in the contracts ensure that the agency's budget is not exceeded and that there is money available to pay for services.

#### Recommendation

The Executive Director should ensure that contract expenditures do not exceed the maximum liability under the contract. If it is necessary to exceed contract limits, contracts should be amended.

#### **Management's Comment**

We concur. An internal mechanism within the Agency has been established to ensure that contact expenditures are not exceeded without an amendment to the contract and the Plan of Operation. Routine reviews of contracts will be done.



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

January 11, 2002

The Honorable John G. Morgan Comptroller of the Treasury State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency, a component unit of the State of Tennessee, as of June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2000, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with government auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency as of June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 11, the Hamilton County Community Services Agency changed its equipment capitalization policy.

The Honorable John G. Morgan January 11, 2002 Page Two

The Schedule of Pension Funding Progress for Hamilton County Community Services Agency is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2002, on our consideration of Hamilton County Community Services Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Sincerely,

Arthur A. Hayes, Jr., CPA, Director

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## HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2001, AND JUNE 30, 2000

	_	June 30, 2001							June	30, 2	000			
	_	Governmental Fund Type	. <u>-</u>		Acco Grou			Governmental Fund Type	-		Accoi Grou			
	_	General Fund		General Fixed Assets		General Long-Term Obligations	Totals (Memorandum Only)	General Fund	-	General Fixed Assets	· -	General Long-Term Obligations	-	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Assets and other debit														
Assets: Cash (Note 2) Prepaid items Accounts receivable Due from primary government General fixed assets (Note 3):	\$	304,898.00 6,905.53 25,269.73 166,128.77	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 304,898.00 6,905.53 25,269.73 166,128.77	\$ 315,695.89 1,993.86 131.00 36.00	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$	315,695.89 1,993.86 131.00 36.00
Furniture and equipment Other debit:		-		23,302.00		-	23,302.00	-		23,302.00		-		23,302.00
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations (Note 4)	_					43,538.17	43,538.17		-	-		36,695.90		36,695.90
Total assets and other debit	\$_	503,202.03	\$	23,302.00	\$	43,538.17	\$ 570,042.20	\$ 317,856.75	\$	23,302.00	\$	36,695.90	\$	377,854.65
Liabilities, other credit, and fund balance														
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued payroll Accrued payroll taxes and benefits Accrued annual leave (Note 4) Due to primary government Due to local government Deferred revenue Total liabilities	\$	51,313.19 45,218.15 3,308.14 - 83,187.85 14,169.56 17,943.00 215,139.89	\$	- - - - - - -	\$	43,538.17 - - - - - 43,538.17	\$ 51,313.19 45,218.15 3,308.14 43,538.17 83,187.85 14,169.56 17,943.00 258,678.06	\$ 38,670.71 36,977.99 2,746.85 - 33,446.51 14,194.56 - 126,036.62	\$	- - - - - -	\$	36,695.90 - - - - - 36,695.90	\$	38,670.71 36,977.99 2,746.85 36,695.90 33,446.51 14,194.56
Other credit: Investment in general fixed assets (Note 3)		-		23,302.00		-	23,302.00	-		23,302.00		-		23,302.00
Fund balance: Reserved for prepaid items Unreserved	_	6,905.53 281,156.61		- -		- -	6,905.53 281,156.61	1,993.86 189,826.27	-	- -	. <u>-</u>	- -		1,993.86 189,826.27
Total other credit and fund balance	_	288,062.14		23,302.00			311,364.14	191,820.13	-	23,302.00				215,122.13
Total liabilities, other credit, and fund balance	\$	503,202.03	\$	23,302.00	\$	43,538.17	\$ 570,042.20	\$ 317,856.75	\$	23,302.00	\$	36,695.90	\$	377,854.65

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

### HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001, AND JUNE 30, 2000

	_	General Fund			
	_	For the Year Ended June 30, 2001		For the Year Ended June 30, 2000	
Revenues					
State contracts	\$	2,154,583.95	\$	1,759,764.75	
Local contracts		39,320.00		-	
Interest income		28,266.37		19,038.72	
Total revenues		2,222,170.32	•	1,778,803.47	
Expenditures					
Salaries and wages		1,118,090.07		983,214.20	
Employee benefits and payroll taxes		337,717.92		306,136.71	
Professional services		451,640.57		259,711.73	
Specific assistance to individuals		3,152.88		83.34	
Travel, conferences and training		57,616.76		45,932.30	
Supplies		31,531.52		28,084.32	
Postage and shipping		3,101.31		2,851.92	
Printing and publications		5,631.92		3,120.26	
Telephone		12,823.64		11,871.53	
Insurance		6,197.89		4,511.99	
Occupancy		86,738.33		81,069.05	
Equipment rental and maintenance		9,562.75		11,874.49	
Capital purchases		· -		8,377.00	
Other nonpersonnel costs		2,122.75		1,771.66	
Total expenditures	_	2,125,928.31	•	1,748,610.50	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	_	96,242.01		30,192.97	
Fund balance, July 1	_	191,820.13		161,627.16	
Fund balance, June 30	\$	288,062.14	\$	191,820.13	

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Reporting Entity**

Title 37, Chapter 5, of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, established the CSA as "a political subdivision and instrumentality of the state." The Hamilton County Community Services Agency is a component unit of the State of Tennessee and is discretely presented in the *Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. Although the CSA is a separate legal entity, the state is financially accountable for the CSA because the state appoints a majority of the CSA's governing body and approves the CSA's Plan of Operation (budget).

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

#### Fund Structure, Basis of Accounting, and Measurement Focus

The financial records of the Hamilton County Community Services Agency are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available, and expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

The general fund is presented using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus.

The agency's accounts are organized and operated on the basis of fund types and account groups. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Account groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental fund not recorded directly in that fund.

The agency's financial activities reported in the accompanying statements are classified into one fund type and two account groups:

#### Governmental Fund Type

General Fund—used to account for all resources not accounted for in other funds.

#### **Account Groups**

General Fixed Assets Account Group (GFAAG)—used to account for all the agency's fixed assets. The GFAAG is not a fund, but rather a management control and accountability listing of the agency's general fixed assets.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group—used to account for capital leases and annual leave obligations. The General Long-Term Obligations Account Group is not a fund, but rather a separate set of self-balancing accounts that provides certain information about the agency's noncurrent liabilities.

#### **Totals (Memorandum Only)**

The total columns of the combined balance sheets are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation.

#### **Budgetary Process**

Legislation requires the CSA board to submit an annual plan of operation for review and approval to the Commissioner of Children's Services, Commissioner of Finance and Administration, and the Comptroller of the Treasury. As part of this plan, the CSA is to submit a financial plan for operating and capital expenditures. This financial plan is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The Plan of Operation may be amended during the year with the written approval of the Commissioners and the Comptroller.

The agency does not have an annual appropriated budget. The Plan of Operation serves as an annual financial plan for budgetary purposes.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

#### NOTE 2. DEPOSITS

The Hamilton County Community Services Agency's bank accounts are in financial institutions that participate in the bank collateral pool administered by the Treasurer of the State of Tennessee. The securities pledged to protect these accounts are pledged in the aggregate rather than against each individual account. The members

of the pool may be required by agreement to pay an assessment to cover any deficiency. Under this additional assessment agreement, public fund accounts covered by the pool are considered to be insured for purposes of credit risk disclosure.

The Hamilton County Community Services Agency also has deposits in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) administered by the State Treasurer. The LGIP is part of the Pooled Investment Fund. The fund's investment policy and custodial credit risk are presented in the *Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

#### NOTE 3. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

General fixed assets are recorded at cost and are not depreciated.

The following changes in general fixed assets occurred during the year ended June 30, 2001:

	Balance July 1, 2000	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2001</u>			
Furniture and equipment	\$ 23,302.00	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$ <u>23,302.00</u>			

The following changes in general fixed assets occurred during the year ended June 30, 2000:

	Balance July 1, 1999	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance June 30, 2000
Furniture and equipment	\$ 14,925.00	\$ 8,377.00	\$ -	\$ 23,302.00

#### NOTE 4. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following changes in general long-term obligations occurred during the year ended June 30, 2001:

	Balance July 1, 2000	Increase	<u>Decrease</u>	Balance June 30, 2001
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-				
term obligations	\$ 36,695.90	\$ 57,598.37	\$ 50,756.10	\$ 43,538.17
Accrued annual leave	\$ 36,695.90	\$ 57,598.37	\$ 50,756.10	\$ 43,538.17
Total general long-term				
obligations	\$ 36,695.90	\$ 57,598.37	\$_50,756.10	\$ 43,538.17

The following changes in general long-term obligations occurred during the year ended June 30, 2000:

	Balance July 1, 1999	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	Balance June 30, 2000
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-				
term obligations	\$ 37,347.43	\$59,901.44	\$60,552.97	\$ 36,695.90
Accrued annual leave	\$ 37,347.43	\$59,901.44	\$60,552.97	\$ 36,695.90
Total general long-term				
obligations	\$ 37,347.43	\$59,901.44	\$60,552.97	\$ 36,695.90

#### NOTE 5. OPERATING LEASES

The agency leases office space and equipment to carry out its activities and to administer the various grant programs. Total expenditures under operating leases for space and equipment were \$61,008.00 and \$6,235.00 for the year ended June 30, 2001, and were \$59,061.90 and \$8,079.09 for the year ended June 30, 2000. The leases were cancelable at the lessee's option.

#### NOTE 6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

#### A. Plan Description

All full-time employees are members of the Political Subdivision Pension Plan (PSPP), an agent, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS). The TCRS administers a defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement, disability, and death benefits, as well as annual cost-of-living adjustments, to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established in state statute found in Title 8, Chapters 34-37, *Tennessee Code Annotated*. State statutes are amended by the Tennessee General Assembly. Amendments to the TCRS are not applicable to a political subdivision unless approved by the political subdivision's governing body.

The TCRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the PSPP. That report may be obtained by writing to the Tennessee Department of the Treasury, Consolidated Retirement System, 10th Floor, Andrew Jackson Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0230, or can be accessed at www.treasury.state.tn.us.

#### **B.** Funding Policy

As authorized by the agency's board of directors, the agency pays the total pension contribution for its employees. The agency is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate; for the year ended June 30, 2001, the rate was 9.48% of annual covered payroll, and for the year ended June 30, 2000, the rate was 10.05% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members are set by state statutes and approved by the political subdivision's governing body. Contribution requirements for the agency are established and may be amended by the TCRS' Board of Trustees.

#### C. Annual Pension Cost

The agency's annual pension costs of \$99,576 for the year ended June 30, 2001, and \$94,506 for the year ended June 30, 2000, were equal to the agency's required and actual contributions.

The required contributions for the years ended June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2000, were determined as part of the July 1, 1999, and July 1, 1998, actuarial valuations using the frozen initial liability actuarial cost method, a projected-benefit cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) rate of return on investment of present and future assets of 7.5% a year compounded annually, (b) projected salary increases of 5.5% a year (no explicit assumption is made regarding the portion attributable to the effects of inflation on salaries) compounded annually, (c) projected 4.5% annual increase in the social security wage base, and (d) projected post-retirement benefit increases of 3% of the retiree's most recent benefit. The actuarial value of the agency's assets was determined using techniques that smooth the effect of short-term volatility in the market value of both fixed income and equity securities over a five-year period. The agency's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level-dollar amount of projected payroll on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at July 1, 1999, was 19 years.

#### **Three-Year Trend Information**

Fiscal Year	<b>Annual Pension</b>	Percentage of APC	Net Pension
Ended	Cost (APC)	Contributed	<b>Obligation</b>
June 30, 2001	\$99,576	100 %	-
June 30, 2000	\$94,506	100 %	-
June 30, 1999	\$77,093	100 %	-

#### NOTE 7. CONTINGENCIES

<u>Sick Leave</u>—The agency records the cost of sick leave when paid. Generally, since sick leave (earned one day per month with unlimited accumulation) is paid only when an employee dies or is absent because of illness, injury, or related family death, there is no liability for sick leave at June 30. The amount of unused sick leave was \$41,834.17 at June 30, 2001, and \$25,939.41 at June 30, 2000.

#### NOTE 8. DONATED FACILITIES

The Department of Children's Services donates office space, utilities, telephone service, and copier and computer use to the Hamilton County Community Services Agency. The value of the donation is not recorded in the financial statements.

#### NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

- A. The agency carries commercial insurance for risks of loss of its personal property and surety bond coverage for risks of employee dishonesty. In the past three fiscal years, the agency has not had any claims filed with the commercial insurer.
- The agency participates in the State of Tennessee's Claims Award Fund, an internal service fund in which the state has set aside assets for claims settlement. This fund services all claims for risk of loss to which the state is exposed, including general liability, automobile liability, professional malpractice, and workers' compensation. The fund allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payment by charging a premium to the participating agencies based on a percentage of each agency's expected loss costs, which include both experience and exposures. This charge considers recent trends in actual claims experience of the state as a whole. An actuarial valuation is performed as of each fiscal year-end to determine the fund liability and premium allocation. As a participant in the Claims Award Fund, the agency is subject to the liability limitations under the provisions of the Tennessee Claims Commission Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-101 et seq. Liability for negligence of the agency for bodily injury and property damage is limited to \$300,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The limits under workers' compensation are set forth in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 50-6-101 et seq.
- C. The agency has elected to provide health coverage for its employees through a health plan for eligible local governments and quasi-governmental agencies in Tennessee. The Local Government Group Insurance Fund provides access to affordable health insurance by pooling risk among the groups. The plan

provides for greater stability in controlling premium increases and, through a structured managed-care program, helps contain health care costs of participating members.

The plan is administered by the State of Tennessee, using a separately established fund. Premiums of participating units are deposited to this fund and used to pay claims for health care costs of participants, as well as the state's administrative costs of the plan. The agency's obligation under the plan is limited to 80% of the total premiums. The employees are responsible for the remaining 20% of the total premiums. Employees have the option of obtaining insurance through either Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee or John Deere Health. Claims are administered by these companies, which are currently under contract to provide these and other services to the state. Insurance premiums are adjusted at the end of the year based on the claims experience of the pool. Individual pool participants are not assessed additional premiums based on individual claims experience. Employees and providers have 6 months to file medical claims under Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, and 6 months under John Deere Health.

#### NOTE 10. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2000, a board member was employed by Bethel Villages, which has a contract with the agency.

#### NOTE 11. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

During the year ended June 30, 2000, the threshold for capitalizing equipment was increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000. This change in accounting principle did not result in a decrease in equipment.

#### NOTE 12. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*. This statement establishes new financial reporting requirements and restructures much of the information that governments have presented in the past. Comparability with reports issued in

all prior years will be affected. The State of Tennessee will implement this statement, as required, for the year ending June 30, 2002. As a component unit of the State, the Hamilton County Community Services Agency will also implement the statement for the year ending June 30, 2002. Management has not yet determined the full impact that GASB Statement 34 will have on the agency's financial statements.

## Hamilton County Community Services Agency Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Pension Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of Plan Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)(b)	Unfunded AAL (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Unfunded AAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
7/1/99	\$ 49,822	\$ 386,143	\$ 336,321	12.90%	\$ 881,030	38.17 %

Information is shown only for the years available. Additional years will be shown as they become available.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

An actuarial valuation was performed as of July 1, 1999, to establish contribution rates as of July 1, 2000. Significant actuarial assumptions used in both valuations included (a) rate of return on investment of present and future assets of 7.5% a year compounded annually, (b) projected salary increases of 5.5% a year (no explicit assumption is made regarding the portion attributable to the effects of inflation on salaries) compounded annually, (c) projected 4.5% annual increase in the social security wage base, and (d) projected post-retirement increases of 3% annually of the retiree's most recent benefit.

#### **APPENDIX**

#### HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

Vicki L. James, Executive Director

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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